

16th Street Mall: Bicycle Use on Saturdays



Presentation to Infrastructure and Culture Committee
April 8, 2015





Purpose



- Expand mobility options for residents and visitors travelling downtown on the weekends to live, work, and play



- Support efforts to activate and create a vibrant downtown and 16th Street Mall



- Forward the vision of providing multi-modal transportation options in Denver



- Already allowed on Sundays





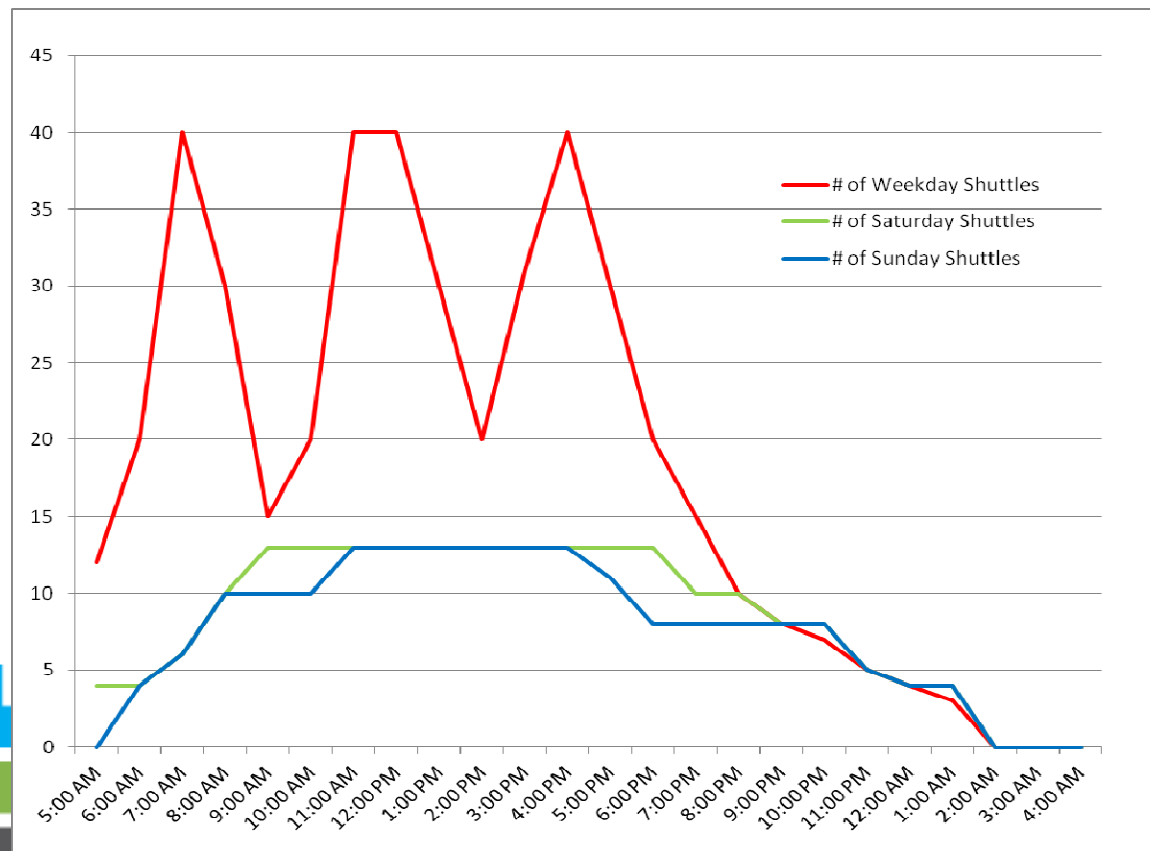
Proposal

- **Sec. 54-44. Pedestrian and transit malls; prohibited operation of bicycles, other wheeled devices and motorized vehicles on the 16th Street pedestrian and transit mall.**
 - (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle, skateboard, electrical assisted bicycle or moped, roller skates or any unauthorized motor vehicle on the 16th Street pedestrian and transit mall, as defined in ordinance and rules and regulations of the city; provided, however, that:
 - (1) Bicycles are permitted to be operated on the designated transit way only of the 16th Street pedestrian and transit mall on **Saturdays and Sundays**;



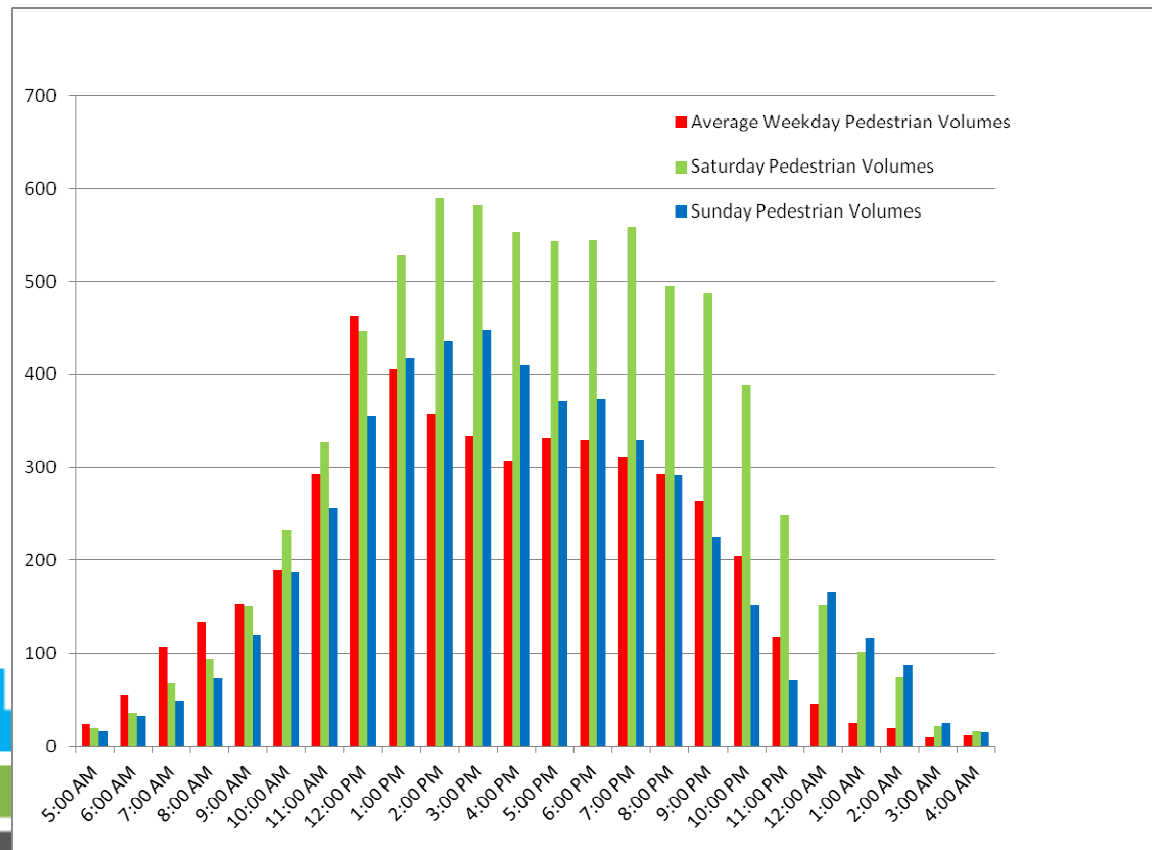
Data Evaluation

- Number of mall shuttles on Saturday are the similar to Sunday. .



Data Evaluation

- There are approximately 100 more pedestrians per hour on the mall on Saturday as compared to Sunday (and weekdays).



*counts from automatic counter—one side of Mall



Data Evaluation

- Operating conditions of other users are the same on Saturday and Sunday.
- 09-13: 12 ped crashes, 3 bike crashes with 16th Street Mall shuttle



Time of Day	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Pedal Cab	Horse Drawn Carriages	Pedal Cab	Horse Drawn Carriages	Pedal Cab	Horse Drawn Carriages
5:00 AM						
6:00 AM						
7:00 AM						
8:00 AM						
9:00 AM						
10:00 AM						
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM						
2:00 PM						
3:00 PM						
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM						
6:00 PM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
7:00 PM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
8:00 PM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
9:00 PM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
10:00 PM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
11:00 PM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
12:00 AM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
1:00 AM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
2:00 AM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
3:00 AM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red
4:00 AM	Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Blue	Red





Stakeholder Outreach

- 6 months of outreach
- Stakeholder group meeting
- Formal comment opportunity
- One-on-one meetings
- Several follow-up phone calls/emails



RTD
Denver Police Department
Downtown Denver Partnership
Downtown Denver Business Improvement District
LoDo Inc
Mayors Bicycle Advisory Committee
Bike Denver
Denver Cruisers
Pedicab Representatives
Human Rights/Community Relations (Office of Disability Rights)
Commission on the Aging
Neighborhood Representation (INC, LoDoNA)
Business Representation (Pavilions, Visit Denver)





Stakeholder Comments



- Majority of respondents expressed approval for allowing bicycles on the 16th Street Mall on Saturdays.



- Additional recommendations



- improved signage
- education program
- increased bicycle parking.



- Concerns



- RTD expressed concern about bikes on the mall after dark
- Interaction of people on bicycles & aging population
- Overall behavior of people on bicycles.





Additional Actions-Infrastructure



- Signage
 - Current signage amended to include Saturdays
 - 10-12 additional signs at Mall intersections with crossing bicycle lane.
- Bicycle parking
 - Restricted because of limited space/high pedestrian use in the sidewalk zone and constructability concerns of granite pavers
 - 109 bicycle racks currently within ½ block of the Mall
 - New bicycle parking program to meet future needs.





Additional Actions-Education



- 16th Street Mall press event and education campaign.
 - “First Saturday” launch.
 - Coordinated messaging through partners and social media outlets.
 - Downtown Ambassadors will continue current outreach efforts.
- Continued education efforts
 - Safe Streets Denver:
 - USDOT Mayors Challenge
 - Bicycle Safety Action Plan
 - BikeLife Denver





Additional Actions-Enforcement



- Bicycle travel is confined within the transit lanes and will be prohibited from the sidewalk/ pedestrian zone areas.



- Denver Police Department and Downtown Ambassadors will continue to perform enforcement operations 7-days a week.



- Monitor safety and conflict.



Questions?

